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Representative Barto Applauds Enactment of Bill to Improve School Safety and Increase Transparency

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Nancy Barto (R-15) applauded Governor Doug Ducey for signing HB 2119 into law this week.

HB 2119, which was sponsored by Representative Barto, requires school districts and charter schools to create policies and procedures for reporting suspected crimes or threatening conduct, and it requires schools to notify the parents of any student involved in such behavior.

"Students, teachers, and parents know to be vigilant for possible safety threats, but not all schools have clear guidelines for reporting those threats," said Representative Barto. "HB 2119 will require school districts to create reporting guidelines so that no potential threat to our students slips through the cracks. In order to ensure that students who make threats receive the help and supervision they need, the bill also requires that parents be notified if their child is involved in a potential threat."

"While there is still much more work to do, HB 2119 will certainly make our schools safer. I applaud Governor Ducey for signing the bill into law, and I thank my colleagues in the Legislature for passing it."

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